



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1712
PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08513.7021-01-000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Towns et al.) Group Art Unit: 1712
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Application No.: ^{10/090474}~~10/090,747~~) Examiner: Jeffrey B. Robertson
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Publication No.: US-2003-0040595-A2)
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is a reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 23, 2004. In this event this application is not placed in condition for allowance, Applicant requests an Advisory Action.

Amendments to the Claims begin on the following page.

Remarks/Comments are set forth following the listing of claims.



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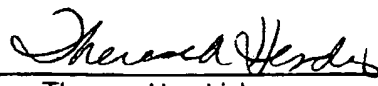
Enclosed is a reply to the Final Office Action of January 23, 2004.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	16	-	24	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0
Indep.	2	-	2	0	x \$ 86	0
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Subtotal						\$ 0
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-
TOTAL						\$ 0

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Dated: March 23, 2004

By: 
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